

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment filed with a continuation application is being filed in connection with a Petition to Withdraw from Issue under 37 CFR §1.313(c) to permit the Examiner to review newly discovered references. The newly discovered references are described in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

By this amendment, claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 15-20 and 23 are amended. Claims 2-4, 11, 14, 21-22 are cancelled. No new claims have been added by this amendment. Therefore claims 1, 5-10, 12, 13, 15-20 and 23 are currently presented for examination. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Explanation of Amendments

Claim 1 was amended to include an element recited in claim 2. Accordingly, claim 2 has been cancelled. Additionally claim 13 was amended to include an element recited in claim 14. Accordingly, claim 14 has also been cancelled. Claims 15-20 and 23 were amended to correct typographical errors.

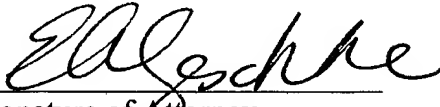
Applicants respectfully request consideration and examination of the claims as currently amended. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take such proper actions so that a patent incorporating the current amendments will issue herefrom as soon as possible.

If there are any questions or if a discussion with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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